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"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"



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"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" resounded throughout Christendom on Easter Sunday as the Church celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord, rejoicing over the fact that Jesus' tomb is empty because He is risen. It is customary to continue that proclamation throughout the Easter season, though I dare say that for many churches and Christians, it loses some of its luster and wonder with each passing week so that perhaps even before the end of the Easter season, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" is put away until the next Easter.

Of course, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" is an appropriate proclamation throughout the Church vear because each Sunday divine service is a celebration of the Lord's resurrection, and Christ's resurrection is the foundation and core of our Christian hope for our bodily resurrection: ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ (1Corinthians 15:20-23). Each Sunday we take part in the divine service, where our Crucified and Risen Lord serves us with the means of grace, that is, Word and Sacrament, believing and knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us... into His presence (2Corinthians 4:14).

will take place when the Lord returns, which will happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eve, at the last trumpet (1Corinthians 15:52). And when will that be? We don't know except what Scripture tells us, that it will come like a thief in the night (1Thessalonians 5:2; 2Peter 3:10; cf. Mark 13:24-27, 32-37), but He is coming. In the meantime, we live with the expectation that the Lord can come any day and may even come in our lifetime.

As we grow older, for many of us the days seem to come and go more quickly than they did when we were younger. Sundays seem to come around especially fast for me since my weeks revolve around Sundays.

Whether time seems to go by quickly or slowly, whether the days seem long or short, each day brings us closer to the day of our Lord's return. If He doesn't return in our lifetime, then each day brings us closer to the day He calls us home through death to await with Him — and all the saints who have already gone before us — His return and the day of the resurrection of our bodies to life in the new heavens and new earth (2Peter 3:11-13). Either way, it is good, right, and salutary that each day we remember and proclaim, "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" because it reminds us that Christ is risen and that no matter what we may face each day, by God's grace we trust, worship, serve, and await a risen and living Savior, who has promised to be with us now and to raise us when He returns. \$\P\$

Prayer List

Those who are in need of our prayers:

Sue Saalfeld, Muriel Strieter (hospice care), Joy Parker (Gayle Bothe's sisterhealing), Wanda Schwartz, Dorothy Taylor, David Grandt (Liz Aduan's brother), Elizabeth Bothé (Gayle Bothe's granddaughter, nonchurched), Abbi and Alex Roman, June Stewart (Judy West's friend-fainting), Jan Tammiste (Roman's nephew-brain injury, healing), Betty and Cal Kallsen, Jeannine Godsey (inner peace), Steven Liedtke (healing), Esther Lacey and Bernice Aiman (Violet Griffin's sisters-elder care), Matt Goodshaw (hospice) Maddie Conklin (Judy West's friend-lung, pancreatic cancer), Bob & Lauretta Oliver (healing), Herbert and Clara Huppert (Herbert- heart, kidney healing, guidance), Bill Bothe (successful radiation treatments), Julie Oback (Diana Meux sister-cancer, healing), Andrew Gamble (Gamble's grandsonjuvenile arthritis), Bob Hartman (healing), Blake Frances (Bill Luker's grand nephew-chemo, brain cancer), Helen Wehmeyer (Kroeger's family friend-stroke/heart attack, healing), Adrienne Marchand Brown (Carrie Kroeger's friendsuccessful chemo treatments), Suzanne Stadler (chemo treatment, healing), Lorna Meintzer (Eyona's daughter-physical therapy, healing), Michael Mewhinney (Ann Caruso's brotherprostate cancer-wisdom, treatment and healing), Linda Pass (healing), Jack Mortenson (healing), Herb Neumann (healing), Eyona Pargman (healing), Christine Roesch (Trudy's sister in law -hip surgery, healing), John Gainer (Marilyn's nephew, cancer-soft tissue sarcoma).

Chaplains among the armed forces and those serving in the military:

Taylor Bothe-Yates (Gayle Bothe's grandniece, Texas), Capt. Richard Hill (Violet Griffin's great nephew), Cadet Megan Gemar, PFC Kevin Hayworth (Glenda's grandson-Hawaii), Lt. JG Aaron Bell, Navy Chaplain CB Unit, Gulport, MS (Rev. & Sherry Bell's son), Joshua Gonzales (Carol L.'s neighbor-Iraq), P.O.W. and M.I.A.'s.

Barbeque * Games * Patriotic Music Armed Forces Day Sat, May 16, 2015 @ 4:00 pm



ARMED FORCES DAY is Saturday, May 16th. The Women of Holy Cross are hosting a barbeque/potluck at 4:00 pm for the congregation. **Everyone is invited!** Family, friends and neighbors are welcome too! WoHC will provide hot dogs and buns, condiments, drinks, games and music. **Please bring a side dish/dessert to share.** Visit the sign-up sheet on the Parish Hall bulletin board to let us know who is coming, and what dish you will bring.

In keeping with our Armed Forces Day theme, we want to acknowledge and honor those who have served and are serving in our military. We have posters for all branches of the service where we have posted the names of those who have served/are serving. Please see Cherylene Brueckner if you want to add the name of your loved one to the posters.

Please join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship. Wear your patriotic colors in honor of our country and those who serve.



May Birthdays

- 2 Janet O'Leary
- 8 Cherylene Brueckner
- 9 Frances Maurer
- 12 Revia Maurer
- 17 Nick Syrovatka
- 21 Joyce Liebe
- 24 Finnley Roesti

May Anniversaries

- 18 Michael & Linda Pass
- 19 Jack & Pat Easby
- 22 Howard & Judy Scouten
- 25 Dennis & Carol Lau
- 26 Eric & Chris Roman

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• Need to reach Pastor?

If members need to contact Pastor, call his cell phone, (510) 757-7805, directly

rather than the church office, especially if it's urgent. You may call his cell number at any time.

Parents of HC Graduates

Parents of Holy Cross Youth,

If your son/daughter is graduating from Kindergarten, grade school, middle school, high school or college this year, please email Grace a blurb and a graduation photo by May 22. We would like to honor all the graduates in the June Cross Currents.

Birth Announcement

Eyona Pargman and family welcomed the birth of her great grandson, Ralph Richard Espino, born on April 18th, 2015.

Nifty Fifty's May 2015 Outings

Thursday May 7th 2015 **Amtrak Train Ride to** Old Sacramento

Want to be as kid again? Want to ride a train and enjoy seeing the countryside from a smooth riding air conditioned car high above the tracks then join the Nifty Fifty's as they chug their way through the beautiful Delta area via Amtrak to Old Sacramento on Thursday May 7th. Meet at church at 9:45 leave at 10:00. Train leaves Martinez at 11:04 and gets to Old Sacramento 12:15. They have a red cap service in Old Sacramento that uses golf carts to take the riders from the train to Old Sacramento as part of the train fare and will pick up passengers at the same drop off point to train for the ride back if you call and set up a time, very convenient. The last time we went they took us as far as the train museum and then met us there after we called and took us right to where you could get on the train. We have eaten at Fat City about two blocks from the drop off point or we can eat at one of the restaurants along the Sacramento River which runs along Old Sac. We left on the train that leaves at 3:35 so we have plenty of time to shop or poke around the stores and old buildings after we have lunch or we can leave on a later train if we decide to visit longer. We need to carpool as parking at the Martinez train station is very difficult.. It helps if you have a handicap card so you can park in metered locations...How much does the train ride cost? Reg. Senior round trip is \$39.00 but there is half fare promotion until Sept on Tues Wed & Thurs, so the senior fare is \$19.00 round trip using code V485. You can buy your ticket at the station in Martinez. Come ioin us and with a TOOT! TOOT! of the train whistle you will be off for a very enjoyable day. Sign up in the social hall so we know how many to plan on...

May 22, 2015 Mac's Old House

Our 2nd outing for May is lunch at Mac's Old House, one of my favorite places to eat which is located at 3100 18th St, Antioch CA. If you think Al the Wop's is rustic, wait till you visit a real historic house made into a restaurant. The food is great, portions are HUGE and the prices are even better. Bar drinks are \$2.50 for a single, \$3.00 for a double and (they say big \$3.50 for a triple). Lunch Menus are part of the place mats. Prim Rib is \$10.95, Calamari Steak (one of my favorites you get 3 large pieces) also \$10.95. One of their super specials (I usually order) ground round lunch for \$6.95. Lunches are served with Minestrone soup (a big bowl) or salad, pasta and a vegetable. You can have the meat cooked the way you want. I like mine medium well as I don't like raw meat and I generally have potato salad in stead of the pasta. That along with a basket of bread makes it hard to beat. There are of course steaks and fish, etc. CASH ONLY. In order to eat in the front room we need to be there by 11:30 when they open. Even then, we may have to sit at different tables. Gratuity is 20% and they don't have separate checks. I will bring my calculator along and will add what each of you order and multiply it by 130% (10% tax and 20% tips included) and that's what vou owe. My lunch usually cost \$12.00 which includes coffee and \$1.00 extra for the potato salad and \$2.00 tip plus \$1 tax (about 30% in addition to the menu price). Lets just say you can't go anyplace that I know of and get more for less money....Also the surroundings are unique (No linen table cloths) Meet at church at 10:30 leave at 10:45; Please sign up if you are going (direct or carpooling from church) as I will try and get a table for everyone in the front room....

May Choir Schedule

May 5, 12 & 19 - Re-

hearsals at 7:15 PM May 10 & 24 - Sing on 2nd & 4th Sundays Services May 17, 9:00AM -Sing at Grace in El **Cerritos** May 24 - Lunch Potluck at Cheryl Sv-

rovatka's

Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 6:00pm -**Congregational Dinner Night Out at Clayton Oakhurst Country Club**

We had our annual Dinner Night Out at the Oakhurst Country Club last year, and it was a wonderful location for all of us to relax and enjoy talking to each other, while enjoying a delicious meal. We've made arrangements to have our annual Dinner Night Out there again this year. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us again this year. The cost will be the same as last year-\$16.00 per person, which includes the tax and tip. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the Parish Hall, and you can give your checks to either Melarie Seidel or Marilyn Neumann.

Our Condolences



Koch Family

Reverent Robert Koch, was called home to the Lord on Sunday morning, April 26, 2015.

Please keep Pastor Koch's family, especially his widow Gerda, in your prayer.

Pastor Koch's funeral/ memorial service is:

Date: Thurs. May 7, 2015 Time: 11:00 a.m. Place: Resurrection Lutheran Ministries 1275 Fairview Ave. Brentwood, CA (925) 634-5180

If you are unable to attend and wish to send a card or note:

Gerda Koch 4850 Deer Valley Rd. #207 Antioch, CA 94531

The Goodshaw Family

Matt Goodshaw, son of former member Gary Goodshaw and the Brueckner's family friend, passed away in the morning on April 30, 2015. Please remember Matt's family in your prayer.

NFS April Activity Recaps

by Marv Kreitz

La Cheval

La Cheval Restaurant was located on Broadway across from a parking garage in Walnut Creek. I parked on the street in a loading zone; because I had a handicap card and had only to walk across. Others had a problem finding parking because the garage was full. I was sur-



prised how large the restaurant was and enjoyed the relaxed feeling as we all just walked in and had a place to sit. Bill Luker had recommended the restaurant so we looked to him for suggestions. He said the Lemon Grass Beef or Chicken was what he usually had. There was also Lemon Grass prawns or Calamari and a host of other Vietnamese cuisine. I was impressed with the menu that contained Kebabs Pork Beef, Chicken Prawn Beef Stew mixed Vegetables Nuts and spices and all essential ingredients of their style of cooking. I chose the Lemon Grass Beef and it came with a large helping of spiced rice and literally filled the large plate....I was concerned that it might be too hot but was pleasantly surprised as it was mild and came with a tasty soup too and was only \$9.75. We had 8 people that came and all seemed to enjoy the Vietnamese cuisine. I know I did!

BJ Bistro

I was quite surprised that only 7 signed up for the lunch at DJ Bistros located near Park and Shop on Sutter St in Concord. We have a real active German Contingency here at Holy Cross and I recall in years past we had like



13...That's not all one of the couple thought they were signing up for the presentation of the Contra Costa Sanitary but signed up for the Bistro so we ended up with 5. I don't want you to think our lunch was boring as we had Bill Luker, Trudy Huenninghaus, Eberhard and Anca Wise and of course me...all able to express themselves in any conversation. We all had half a liter of their draft beer along with their sweet sour dough bread and because we thought we would have two more and waited for them before ordering, which meant some of us had two beers. I ordered the Yager Snistzel as did Eberhard, but I forgot to tell them I wanted the small Yager Snitzel so when our orders came, there were two gigantic slabs of breaded pork loin piled high on each plate. It was too late to change so I took one whole one home. I had enough for a dinner...The Red Cabbage and Spratzel as always was delicious....It was as always a very interesting outing...

Women of Holy Cross

<u>May 2015 – What's Happening</u> with the WoHC? by Joyce Liebe

As I write this, the WoHC are busy preparing for our main event in April: the Zone 7 Spring Rally on 4/26. It is Holy Cross' turn to host & we are hoping to have a large group of LWML'ers! As mentioned before, the speakers are from Futures Explored, a local non-profit that provides life skills & work-related training to adults with developmental disabilities. Our In-Gathering items will also be used to support their various programs. I will write a report on the Rally in the next Cross Currents newsletter.

Our **Upcoming activities** include:

Sat., 5/16 Congregational BarBQ & Games, 4pm, Holy Cross (Armed Forces Day-Honor Military past & present). This is an event for our entire congregation; the WoHC will set up/clean up as well as provide hot dogs/buns, condiments & drinks, Council members will grill the hot dogs, & the congregation will provide salads, side dishes, & dessert. We will have a couple outdoor games for those with energy to burn & Bingo inside for those who prefer to take it easy. We will also find time to sing a few patriotic songs. Please join us for this informal & fun social event. The Sign-up sheets should be up as you are reading this.

Tues., 6/16 Congregational Dinner with Family & Friends, 6pm, Oakhurst Country Club We had this annual dinner out at Oakhurst last year & it was a wonderful location for us to relax & share a meal with our Holy Cross family members & guests. So we made arrangements to meet there again this year. The price is only \$16 per person (food, tax, & gratuity included) – a real bargain for a tasty buffet with a great view! So make plans to take a night off from kitchen duty & invite your family & friends to join us! The Sign-up sheet will be up mid-May.

Remember to check the WoHC bulletin board & Sunday bulletins for more details on these & all activities. Sign up & join us. Please feel free to contact me or any of the Board if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.

Blessings, Joyce Liebe, President WoHC

Recipes

SAUSAGE

5# cheap hamburger

5 rounded teaspoons Morton Tender Quick Salt 2-1/2 tablespoons mustard seed (I like more so I use at least three or four TBS)

1-1/2 tablespoons pepper

- 2 Tablespoons garlic salt (I use half garlic salt ad garlic powder)
- Mix, cover and refrigerate. Knead once per day for 3 days. On the 4th day make 3 rolls 2-1/2" by 6"
- If so desired, roll at least one or two of the rolls in cracked pepper.
- Bake on broiler pan 3 hours at 250 degrees

CHEESE SOUFFLE

1 cup mayonnaise

1 cup grated Swiss cheese

1/2 cup black olives sliced

1 cup chopped onions

• Mix and bake in 350 degree over 20-30 minutes, uncovered. Serve with crackers. Use 8 x 8 glass pan

INDIVIDUAL CHEESE CAKES

3-8 ounce packages softened cream cheese 1 cup sugar

5 eggs

1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla

- Mix all until smooth. Pour into aluminum paper cups 3/4 full and bake at 325 for about 30 minutes. Makes about 26
- Cool for 5 minutes and then add the following: 1/2 pint sour cream

1/4 cup sugar

1/4 teaspoon vanilla

(Mix and let stand while cakes are baking)

• Top with your favorite pie filling.

CRAB CHEESE DIP

1 # Velveeta

1/2 stick oleo or butter

1 can crab meat (I used imitation crab chopped)

1 can cream of mushroom soup

 Melt butter and cheese in double broiler. Add soup, crab and a little white wine. Can be made the day ahead and reheated in oven. Serve with cubed bread or crackers

Celebrating Easter 2015



















Back: (I-r) Dave Taylor, Don Hoofring, Ron Gamble; Front: Cathy Taylor, Dorothy & Karen Gamble

Meet Our Centenarian, Dorothy Taylor

Dorothy Boyer Hoofring Taylor turned 100 years old on April 13, 2015. The congregation celebrated her birthday after Sunday service the day before. Her sons Donald Hoofring, Dave Taylor with wife Cathy and daughter Karen with husband Ron Gamble were in attendance.

Dorothy Boyer Hoofring Taylor was born on April 13, 1915 in Vandergrift, PA. She has nine grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. Congratulations Dorothy!

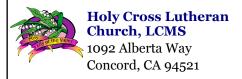


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Office Hours: M-F 9 AM-12:30 PM

Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service 9:30AM

Communion 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays Adults Bible Studies 11AM (Library & Conf. Rm)

Sunday School 11AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies) 12:30PM Conference Room

Wednesday (all) 7:00PM Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal:

Tuesday 7:15PM—8:45PM

Outreach:

Fourth Sunday of each month after service

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